August 24 -September 6, 2004

Yosemite National Park

ROAD

Due to construction, you may experience short delays or temporary detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.

Easy Access to Lower Yosemite Fall

Shuttle Bus Route

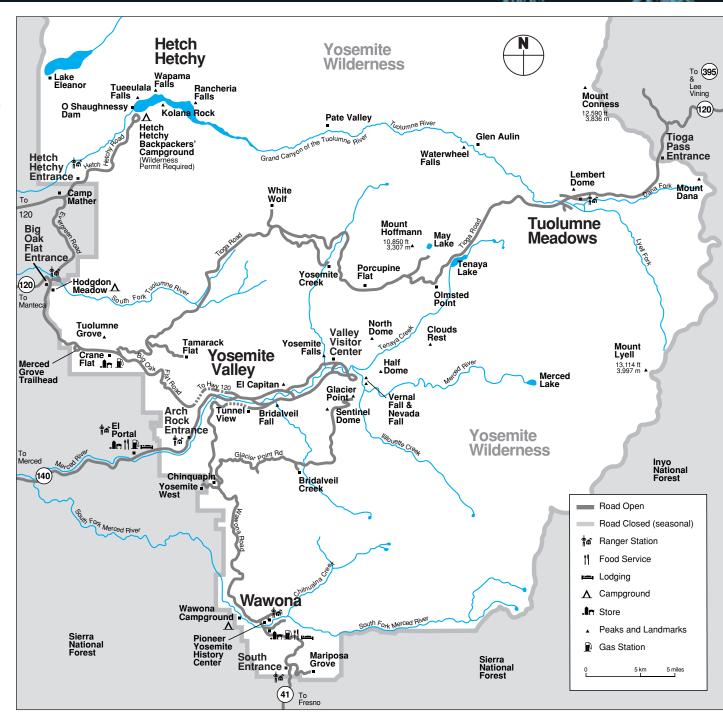
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Trailhead

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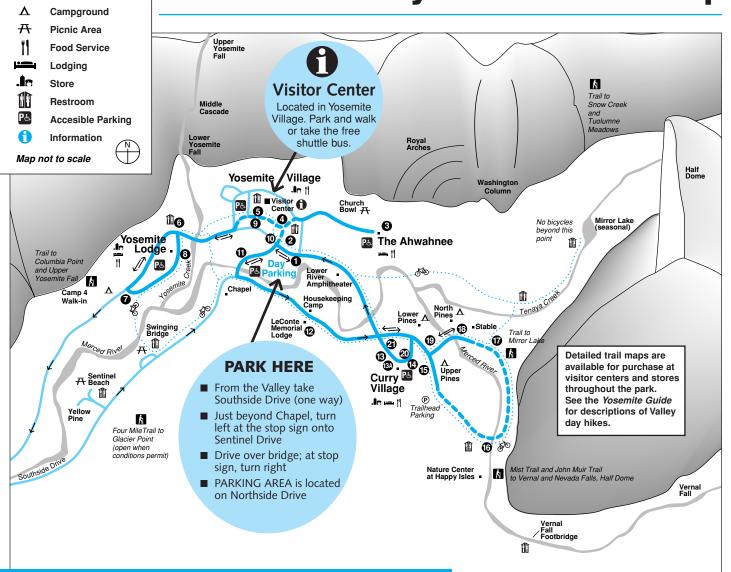
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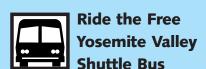
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During construction at Lower Yosemite Fall, you are encouraged to park in the designated day-visitor lot at Yosemite Village and take the free shuttle bus as you explore the Valley. Shuttle buses run every 10 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and all are wheelchair lift equipped. See route on map below.



Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map





Shuttle buses operate daily at 10-minute intervals. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order. &

SCHEDULE 7:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m.

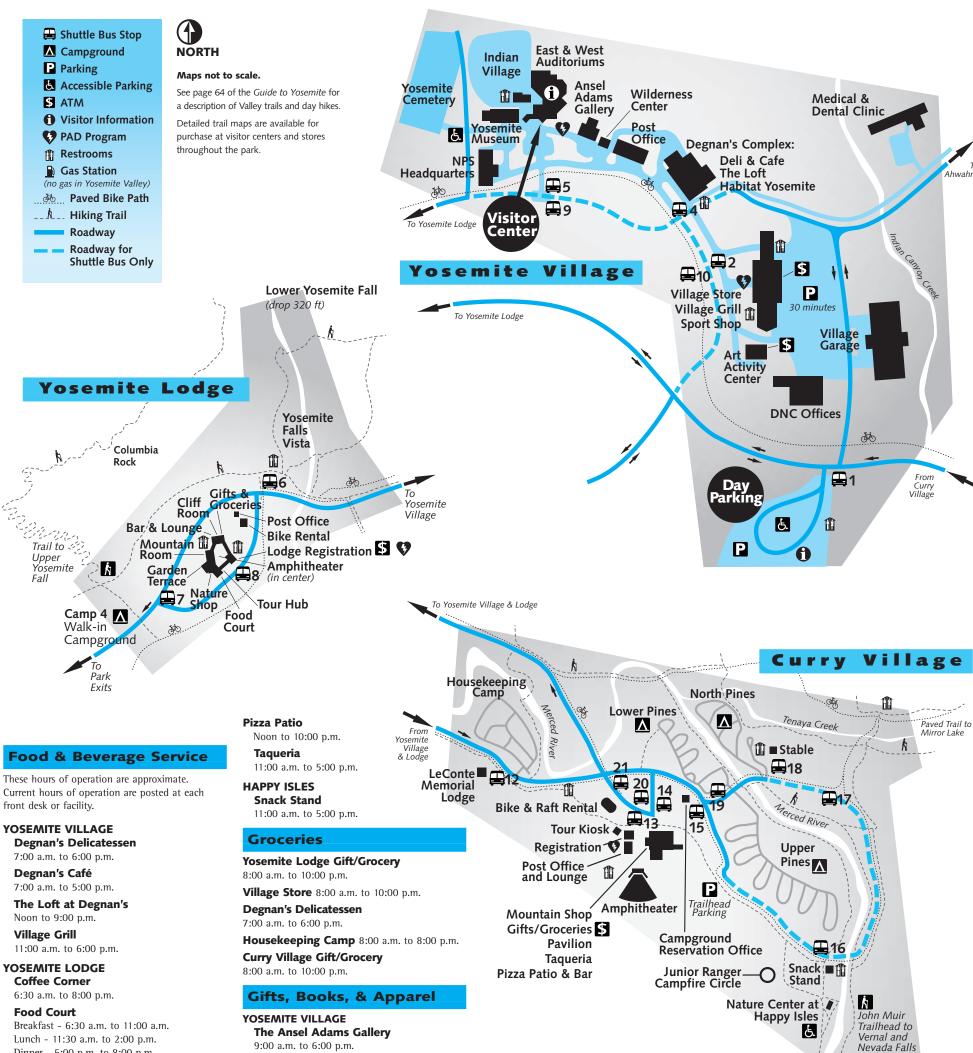
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YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

YARTS

For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com

Yosemite Village, Yosemite Lodge, and Curry Village



Dinner - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Lite fare served between meal periods.

Mountain Room Bar & Lounge

Monday - Friday: 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 10:30 p.m.

Mountain Room Restaurant 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Pool Ice Cream

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

THE AHWAHNEE

Dining Room Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Brunch - 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Reservations and appropriate attire are respectfully requested. 209/372-1489

The Ahwahnee Bar

11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE

Coffee Corner 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Pavilion Buffet

Breakfast Buffet - 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Dinner Buffet - 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Pavillion Bar

Noon to 11:00 p.m.

Day Use Parking Information & **Bookstore**

10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Yosemite Bookstore

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inside Visitor Center

Yosemite Museum Store

9:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Village Store 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Habitat Yosemite 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sport Shop 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Yosemite Art Center 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wilderness Center 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch)

Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Nature Shop 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sweet Shop 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE

Mountain Shop 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Showers & Laundromat

SHOWERS

Curry Village 24 hours, attendant on duty daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **Housekeeping Camp** 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

LAUNDROMAT

Housekeeping Camp 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Recycling

Village Store Recycling Center

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: noon to 5:00 p.m.

Post Offices

Main Post Office - Yosemite Village

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to noon

Yosemite Lodge Post Office

Monday - Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Curry Village Post Office

Monday - Friday 2:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

S ATM

Yosemite Village

South of Village Store (Bank of America) Inside Village Store

Yosemite Lodge

Inside main registration area

Curry Village

Inside gift/grocery store

Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (AAA)

Village Garage

8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Towing 24 hours. Propane available until 4:00 p.m. 209/372-8320



Yosemite Today

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Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center

Open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, and exhibits. & **TTY**

FILM Spirit of Yosemite

This inspiring state-of-the-art visitor orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes from Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 6:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center Theater. Closed captioning available. &

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. &

FEATURESMuseum Gallery

Open 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Historic 19th and 20th century Yosemite landscape paintings from the park's museum collection.

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwuk and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

Yosemite Museum Store

Open 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

The Indian Village of Ahwahnee

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours. Occasionally, Indian Cultural Program staff provide demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee skills and culture. &

Yosemite Cemetery

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include American Indians and others who played an important role in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. A *Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery* is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidebooks. Displays and information on pretrip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite's wilderness. &

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This nature center includes natural history exhibits, interactive displays, and a bookstore geared to nature-exploring for families. Nearby are short trails focusing on the area's four different environments; forest, river, talus, and fen.

You can also see substantial evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff far above the Nature Center. A new outdoor exhibit details the geologic story of rockfalls in Yosemite. The Center is a short walk from shuttle bus stop #16. &

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The Gallery offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, handcrafts, books, gifts, photography supplies, and camera/tripod rentals are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com. &

GALLERY EXHIBIT

Through - September 14

Color photography by Jeff Grandy. Jeff has lived and worked in Yosemite almost continuously since 1978. In Jeff's words, "1 enjoy both the artistic and technical nature of photography. The act of looking for and creating new images both relaxes and invigorates me. 1 find beauty and solace in the landscape. Endless combinations of color, form, texture shadow and light intrigue me . . ."

LeConte Memorial Lodge

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at shuttle stop #12. The LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite's first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children's corner, library, and a variety

of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/372-4542.

Yosemite Theater Live

Help Yosemite Theater celebrate its 22nd season! Live actors perform each of the four shows on a stage in the Visitor Center Theater behind the Valley Visitor Center (near shuttle stop #5 & #9). Hear the adventuresome tales and antics of John Muir. Share the journey by wagon across the plains to California with feisty pioneer Sarah Hawkins. Join the Story Quilters for an evening of storytelling about the natural world, or hear from Ron Kauk about his relationship to Yosemite through rock climbing with filmmaker Sterling Johnson. Tickets are \$8/adult and \$4/children 12 and under and can be purchased in advance at any tour desk or at the door (if available). See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Hike with Yosemite Mountaineering School

Learn about flora, fauna, climbing or the history of Yosemite! Have fun with an easy geology lesson! Two hikes are lead daily beginning at 9:00 a.m. Suited for hikers 16 and older, this moderately paced hike explores the Valley. At 1:30 p.m., an



El Capitan from Tunnel View Photo by Colleen Brown

easy hike is offered for all ages, which explores the "backyard" of Ahwahnee. Each hike begins at the Ahwahnee and lasts 3½ hours. The cost is \$40 per person and tickets can be purchased at the Ahwahnee Concierge or the Front Desk. Call Yosemite Mountaineering School at 209/372-8344 for more information.

Cloud's Rest

Photo by Gregory Nespor

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone 209/372-0263 \clubsuit

Parsons Memorial Lodge McCauley Cabin and Soda Springs

This historic area is only accessible by walking. There are two trails, both flat and both 1/2-mile long. See the map of Tuolumne Meadows area in this paper. Parsons Memorial Lodge is usually open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Historic McCauley Cabin has an open house from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday and

Wednesday. The Soda Springs are small naturally carbonated springs that often attract birds and deer at sunrise and sunset.

Free Olmsted Point/ Tuolumne/Tioga Pass Shuttle Bus

Free shuttle bus service is available during the summer along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Due to limited trailhead parking, use of the free shuttle buses is strongly advised.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Campground and the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. The shuttle also makes two morning (9:00 a.m. and

noon) and two afternoon (3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7:00 a.m. Shuttle buses arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle bus leaves Olmsted Point at 6:00 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center or shuttle bus stops for details.

Tuolumne Meadows

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a kids' campfire program on Wednesday night. Junior Rangers is a 2-hour ranger-led program for children (ages 8-10).

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, American Indians, history, and more. These walks range from 1 to 8 hours and all but the long walks are fairly easy.

Twice a week, longer hikes are offered to lakes, domes, or passes. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring water, lunch, and rain gear. End your perfect day with a *Music Walk*. This easy, early evening stroll will inspire and delight.

Evening Activities

Come to the Dana Campfire Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for campfire, songs, storytelling, and answers to some of your questions about Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

A campfire for children is scheduled Wednesday at the Conness Circle in the "C" loop of the campground. End your day with a *Star Program* or *Night Prowl*. Bring a pad to sit on for the Star Program and dress warmly. Programs will be canceled if the sky is overcast. Sign-up for the *Night Prowl* at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located just off the Tioga Road, along the roadway leading to Tuolumne Lodge, shuttle stop #3. Trail information, wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guidebooks available. &



Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

These programs are offered for a fee

High Country Day Hikes AUGUST 26-29 7:00 p.m.

The Story Behind the Scenery: The Geology of the Tuolumne Meadows Region

Fall Birding in Tuolumne Meadow SEPTEMBER 5 7:30 a.m.

For details, call the Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321 or visit www.yosemite.org, or check at the Valley Visitor Center

Scheduled **Events**

Evening Ranger Talks in El Portal

Join a Ranger for a 1 hour talk on Thursday evenings: 7:00pm at Yosemite View Lodge, and 8:30 at Cedar Lodge.

Free Art Classes

Free, informal outdoor classes in various art mediums are available for adults through the Yosemite Art Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Classes are Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



August 23 - 29 **Pam Pederson** Pen / Ink / Watercolor

August 30 - September 4

Rober Dvorak

Watercolor

September 6 - 11 **Pat Devitt**

Acrylic

Programs printed in color are especially for children and their families.

NPS = National Park Service

DNC = Delaware North Companies at Yosemite

AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery

SC = Sierra Club

= Yosemite Association

= Yosemite Fund

= Programs offered for a fee



Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.



During the summer season, a sign language interpreter is available for deaf

and hard of hearing visitors. **Contact the Deaf Services** Coordinator at 209/372-0296 (voice/TTY), or the Valley Visitor Center 209/372-4726 (TTY) for information or to request an interpreter.

SUNDAY August 29 & September 5

7:30am SUNRISE ADVENTURE WALK TO

MIRROR LAKE (August 29 only)

2 hrs. Stables shuttle stop #18 (SC)

10:00am Ranger Walk—Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier

11/2 hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)

2:00pm WATERFALL WATERCOLOR

WORKSHOP (August 29 only)

11/2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge Shuttle stop #12 (SC)

3:00pm Ranger Walk—Merced Meanderings 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge, shuttle stop #11

Yosemite Valley

Mariposa Grove

Bear Walk 11/2 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

CHILDREN'S WATERCOLOR CLASS 2 hrs. Sign-up in advance, 209/372-1442

Yosemite Art Center

6:15pm WEE WILD ONES

45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &

7:00pm OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & **SING-ALONG**

11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village. Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)

7:30pm YOSEMITE THEATER LIVE—YOSEMITE **TAILS: EARTH & ANIMAL STORIES**

1 hr. Visitor Center Theater

Tickets at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

8:00pm LeConte Memorial Lodge August 29: Interpreting Yosemite

September 5: **John Muir Slide**

Presentation 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge

Shuttle stop #12 (SC)

8:30pm **Evening Programs**

1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (DNC) &

Film—Ansel Adams

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) &

MONDAY August 30 & September 6

10:00am Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People 11/2 hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS)

Art Class

4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center

3:00pm Ranger Walk-Trees

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3

Bear Walk

11/2 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

6:15pm WEE WILD ONES

45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &

7:00pm OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG

11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village.Tickets/informa-

tion at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC) 8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories

with John Muir: Adventures 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater

Tickets at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

8:30pm **Evening Programs** 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &

1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & Check local postings for topic

STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY

(August 30 only)

1 hr. Meets near Yosemite Lodge Sign-up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)

TUESDAY August 24 & 31

7:00am Sunrise Photo Walk

11/2 hrs. Sign-up/meet at Yosemite Lodge

Registration Desk (Kodak)

9:00am Photography Walk

2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, conditions

permitting (AAG) 9:30am EXPLORE YOSEMITE FAMILY PROGRAM

3 hrs. Hike with a naturalist, for kids 4-12

Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)

10:00am Art Class

4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center

CHILDREN'S PHOTO WALK

1 hr. Ahwahnee Concierge Desk Parents must accompany, limtied to 15 (Kodak)

3:00pm Ranger Walk—Geology

11/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)

Bear Walk

11/2 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) **CHILDREN'S WATERCOLOR CLASS**

2 hrs. Sign-up in advance, 209/372-1442 Yosemite Art Center

5:30pm **Twilight Stroll**

1 hr. Ahwahnee back patio (DNC)

6:15pm WEE WILD ONES

45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &

7:00pm Living History: A Buffalo Soldier at Twilight

1 hr. Bring flashlight & meet at Pioneer

Cemetery (NPS) 8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins

Contemplates a Fourth Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman

11/2 hr. Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

8:30pm **Evening Programs** 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &

Check local postings for topic

Yosemite in Pictures

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (Kodak) & STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY

1 hr. Meets near Yosemite Lodge Sign-up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)

1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center

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Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

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2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove

11/2 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

10:00am to Noon / 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Horse-Drawn Stage Rides

10 min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$ (NPS)

10:00am to 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Blacksmith Demonstration Blacksmith Shop, Pioneer Yosemite History

Center (NPS) &

10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past 1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 11/2 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

1-2 hrs. Glacier Point Amphitheater

2:30pm Visit Yosemite's Past

8:00pm Stars Over Yosemite

(September 5 only)

Cancel if overcast (NPS)

1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past

1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

11:00am to 3:00pm

Horse-Drawn Stage Rides

(September 6 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office

in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$ (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove

11/2 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

2:30pm Visit Yosemite's Past

1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) & 8:30pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE

at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)

(August 30 only) 1 hr. Meet at Wawona Hotel. Sign-up/details

2:00pm Ranger Walk (August 24 only)

10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past

2:30pm Visit Yosemite's Past

2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road(NPS)

7:00pm Sunset Talk

(August 24 only) 1/2 hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) &

1:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears

Campground (NPS)

11/2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS)

8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows 2:00pm Ranger Walk-Indians in the High Country 2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area (NPS)

8:00pm **Campfire**

1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

10:00am JUNIOR RANGERS (August 24 only)

> 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lembert Dome parking area (NPS)

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Lake Exploration

2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 Road marker T-29 (NPS)

8:00pm Campfire

1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows

Campground (NPS) 9:15pm Ranger Walk-Night Prowl

11/4 hr. Sign up at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center 209/372-0263 (NPS)

Big Oak Flat Crane Flat

10:00am Morning in Hetch Hetchy Valley (August 29 only)

2 hrs. 2 mile easy walk. Meet at dam (NPS)

1 hr. Meet in front of White Wolf Lodge

9:00pm **Astronomy** (August 29 only)

| WEDNESDAY August 25 & September 1 | | HURSDAY ugust 26 & September 2 | FRIDAY August 27 & Sepetember 3 | SATURDAY August 28 & September 4 |
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| (Kodak) & 3:00pm JUNIOR RANGERS 1½ hrs. For kids 7-12, accompa parent. Meet at Happy Isles Nat (NPS) Bear Walk 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphithea | nied by Tic ture Center \$ (10:00am Art | agust 26 only) agust 26 only) agust 26 only) by the side of a naturalist, for kids 4-12 by the side of a n | & Games 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS) Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center Photo Demonstration for Traditional & Digital Cameras (August 27 only) | (August 28 only) 3 hrs. Hike with a naturalist, for kids 4-12 Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC) 10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center 1:30pm AQUATIC FIELD TRIP (August 28 only) |
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| 8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wi with John Muir: Animals 1½ hrs Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any tour desk \$ (DNC 8:30pm Evening Programs | 7:00pm OL SIR (Au 11/2 | der. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & | 5:30pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. Ahwahnee back patio (DNC) 7:00pm OLD-FASHIIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG 1½ hrs. Near Curry Village. Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk. \$ (DNC) | Children 7 and under must be accompanied by adult (AAG) 6:15pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & 7:00pm OLD -FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & |
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Glacier Point

Ranger Walks

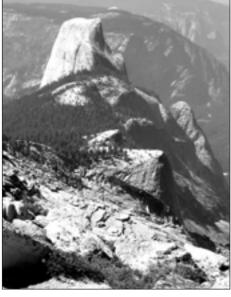
Join a ranger for a walk to discover Yosemite's unique, tucked-away places. See a pioneer cabin near a beautiful meadow, explore the red fir forest in the Canadian life zone, or hike to a seldom-seen waterfall. See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow on the Sierra high country, or come for the sunset and stay for the moonrise. On some weekends, join a ranger and an astronomical society for a night with telescopes. Meet at the Glacier Point amphitheater after the sunset talk. See Scheduled Events section for specific dates. Bring warm clothes.

On some Saturday evenings, photographers will not want to miss the *Alpenglow Photo Shoot*, led by representatives from Kodak (in association with Yosemite Concession Services). See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times. Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow on the Sierra high country, or come for the sunset and stay for the moonrise.

Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby



Half Dome from Cloud's Rest Photo by Gregory Nespor

Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Take a stage ride in Wawona.

Photo by John Hawksworth

Evening Programs

Come to a campfire! Share in a park tradition by joining a ranger for an hour of stories, legends, and fun. Program topics vary each night and are posted in the Wawona Campground. Meet at the amphitheater in the "B" loop of the campground. &

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times. &

Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. For more information call 209/375-9531. &

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The Center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available. &

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Blacksmith Shop

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing.

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute ride. Tickets may be purchased from the stage driver near the Wawona Covered Bridge. \$3/adult and \$2/child (ages 3-12).

To Get to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1¹/₄ hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the Grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from there. Information about access for the disabled is available at the tram boarding area. The access road to the Grove

may close intermittently due to limited parking. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road from the South Entrance to Mariposa Grove.

Free Mariposa Grove & Wawona Shuttle Bus

The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttles operate throughout the day beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves the Grove at 6:00 p.m. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus. Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays.

Walking through the

The trailhead for walking up through the Grove is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

DISTANCE & ELEVATION

| DESTINATION | DISTANCE FROM TRAILHEAD | ELEVATION GAIN |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Grizzly Giant | 0.8 mile /1.3km | 400ft / 122m |
| Grove Museum | 2.1 miles /3.5km | 800ft / 292m |
| Fallen Tunnel Tre | ee 2.5 miles /4.0km | 1,000ft / 305m |
| Wawona Point | 3.0 miles /4.8km | 1,200ft / 438m |

Mariposa Grove Museum

Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Giant Sequoia displays and store offering books, maps, and information. Located in the upper portion of the Mariposa Grove. &

Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf

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Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Station is located just inside the park at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station (Highway 120 West), and offers park orientation material, trail information, books, and maps. Phone 209/379-1899

Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and limited map sales. &

Yosemite's Other Sequoia Groves

Tuolumne Grove

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tioga Road. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

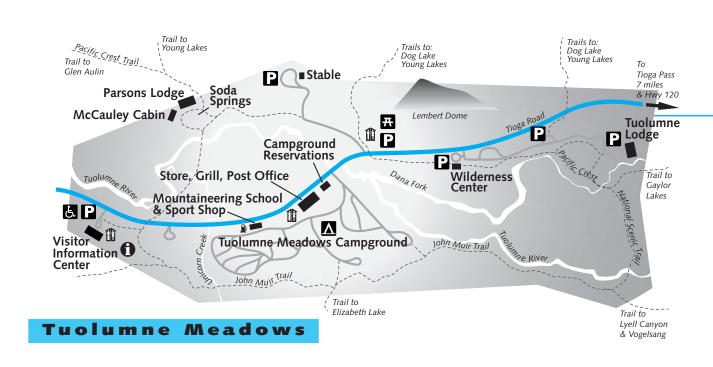
Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 2-mile hike into the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this group of about 20 sequoias.

Ranger Programs

Please check the bulletin boards at Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf for additional upcoming ranger programs.

Wawona Trail to Mariposa Grove Alder Creek Alder Creek Glacier Point P Campground Reservation Food & Beverage Service Stable Office **WAWONA HOTEL Pioneer Yosemite** Wawona **Dining Room History Center** Breakfast and Buffet - 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Sunday Buffet - 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To Wawona Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Campground Mariposa Grove Forest Drive & Yosemite Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ä Valley Saturday BBQ - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/375-1425 South Fork Merced River Visitor **GLACIER POINT Snack Stand** Information Ŧ Station at 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hill's Studio Pb Trail to **Grocery** Store \$ Mariposa Wawona Hotel Grove Gift Shop (6 miles) **Wawona Grocery Store Post Office** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Gifts, Books, & Apparel **WAWONA Wawona Hotel Golf Shop Golf Shop** Wawona Road (Hwy. 41) 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Golf Course Post Office Pioneer Gift Shop/Grocery** To South Entrance 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. & Mariposa Grove **Wawona Post Office Wawona Wilderness Center** Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch) Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **MARIPOSA GROVE** Meadow Loop Trail **S** ATM **Gift Shop** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wawona Inside Wawona Store



Gas Station

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Diesel & propane available.

Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Wawona

Museum Shop

GLACIER POINT

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Gift Shop

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to

4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch)

White Wolf Crane Flat Portai

Food & Beverage Service

WHITE WOLF LODGE

Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Take-out lunch - Order night before Dinner - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner by reservation only, 24 hours in advance, call 209/372-8416

Grocery

Crane Flat

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

El Portal Market

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

White Wolf Camp Store

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m

Post Office

El Portal Post Office

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$ ATM

El Portal

On Highway 140 at the Yosemite View Lodge and the El Portal Market.

Gas Station

Crane Flat

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Diesel available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

El Portal

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Diesel available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Tuolumne Meadows

Food & Beverage Service

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tuolumne Meadows Grill Sunday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Tuolumne Meadows Lodge**

Dining Room

Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dinner - 5:50 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meals are served family style and dinner reservations are required, call 209/372-8413

Grocery

Tuolumne Meadows Store

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gifts, Books, & Apparel

Mountaineering School and Sport Shop 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

209/372-8344 for reservations

Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Inside the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Tuolumne Meadows Store 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shuttle stop #3

Wilderness Center 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Showers

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Guests - 24 hours

Non-guests - Noon to 3:30 p.m.

Post Office

Tuolumne Meadows Post Office

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Gas Station

Tuolumne Meadows

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

General Park Information

Emergency 911

Fire - Police - Medical Emergency: Dial 911, 24 hours a day (from hotel room 9-911)

Information

Road and Weather General Park Information

209/372-0200 www.nps.gov/yose

Campground Reservations 800/436-7275 reservations.nps.gov

Medical

Yosemite Medical Clinic

Emergency care: 24 hours daily Drop-in and urgent care: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Appointments

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday

Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care, 24-hour paramedic/ambulance services, limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, physical therapy, and Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence. 209/372-4637

PAD Program

Yosemite's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program is designed to protect park visitors and staff from sudden cardiac arrest. All automated external defibrillator (AED) cabinets have been placed in high-risk locations and are open and accessible to anyone in the event of a medical emergency. For more information about the PAD Program, contact the Yosemite Medical Clinic.

AEDs can be found at the following locations: Valley Visitor Center, Village Store (Yosemite Village), Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village Registration Desk, The Ahwahnee, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Hotel, and Glacier Point Gift Shop (summer) or Badger Pass Lodge (winter).

Dental Services

Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4200. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

& Services For Disabled

The Yosemite Accessibility Guide is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/access/

TTYs are available inside The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, and outside the Curry Village

Accommodations

For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848 (www.yosemitepark.com) For availability on day of arrival, check at any

front desk.

Bear Canister Rental

Available for \$5 per trip at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, Curry Village Mountain Shop, Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, Wawona Wilderness Center, Tuolumne Meadows Mountaineering School and Sport Shop, Tuolumne Meadows Store, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

Recreation

Conditions permitting.

YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING **SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE**

Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite Valley and the high country.

Curry Village

Located in the Mountain Shop 8:30 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Classes meet at 8:30 a.m. 209/372-8344

Tuolumne Meadows

Located at gas station 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8344

BICYCLE RENTAL

Daily, weather permitting, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers. Bikes must be returned by 5:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge

8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 209/372-1208

Curry Village

Located at shuttle stops #13 & 21 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 209/372-8319

Closed for season.

TRAIL RIDES

Weather permitting.

2-hour and 4-hour rides depart daily. All-day rides, private rides, and pack trips into Yosemite's spectacular wilderness may also be arranged. Private horse boarding is available. Call for reservations

Yosemite Valley

Located at shuttle stop #18 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/375-6502

Tuolumne Meadows

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8427

SWIMMING POOL Curry Village

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge

Lap swim 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. General Swim 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

GOLFING

Wawona Hotel Golf Course

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 9-hole, par 35 course Green fees: 9 holes is \$14.50, 18 holes is \$23.60

Tours

Inquire at tour/transportation desks at the following locations.

Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Yosemite Village Tour Kiosk 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Curry Village Tour Kiosk

7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Visitor Center-Yosemite Village**

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS Valley Floor Tour

This 26-mile, 2-hour tram tour departs at 10:00, 11:00 a.m., and 1:00, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, and 6:00 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge in Yosemite Valley.* Most tours are conducted by National Park Service Rangers.

Glacier Point Tour

A 4-hour round trip from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Tour also offers a one-way ticket for adventurers to hike back down to Yosemite Valley. Departs at 8:30, and 10:00 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.*

Big Trees Tram Tour

Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through the lower and upper groves. The first tram is at 9:00 a.m. and the last tram is at 5:00 p.m., running every 15 to 20 minutes from the boarding area.* Call 209/375-1621 for information.

Grand Tour

An 8-hour combination of Big Trees and Glacier Point Tours. Departs 8:45 a.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.*

*Weather permitting

Night Sky Information



Take advantage of the opportunities in Yosemite to view the wonders of the night sky. Here are some sights to look for while you are out during the nighttime hours.

At the end of August, the planet Saturn will appear close to Venus ' lower left in the early morning sky. The brightest star at dusk is Vega, shining brightly overhead.

August 24 The planet Antares will shine to the lower right of the Moon

August 29 Full Moon tonight, rising at 9:47 p.m. This month the full Moon is called the Grain Moon, or the Green Corn Moon.

September 2 This morning at dawn, Venus can be seen shining brightly close below Saturn. Look for the two planets to move farther apart each morning.

General Services

\$ ATM

Yosemite Village

South of Village Store (Bank of America) Inside Village Store

Yosemite Lodge

Inside main registration area

Curry Village

Inside gift/grocery store

Wawona

Inside Wawona Store

El Portal

On Hwy. 140 at Yosemite View Lodge and the El Portal Market

Miscellaneous

Babysitting

Limited babysitting available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk or concierge for additional information.

Kennel

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Located at the stable in Yosemite Valley. Dogs must be gentle, over 10 pounds, with proof of shots and license required. 209/372-8348

Service Organizations

Al-Anon

7:00 p.m. Wednesday DNC General Office Building (Executive Conference Room) Yosemite Village

Alcoholics Anonymous

8:30 p.m. Sunday 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday DNC General Office Building (Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

Narcotics Anonymous

7:30 p.m. Saturday DNC General Office Building (Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475 for information.

Rotary International

Meets Thursdays for lunch at noon in The Ahwahnee Mural Room. Visiting Rotarian families and guests welcome. For meeting reservations or information, call 209/372-1401.



Ranger-led tram tour NPS Photo by Raye Santos

Religious Services

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Nondenominational Christian) Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831 Counseling provided. Call pastor for appointment.

Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Thursday

Yosemite Valley Chapel

9:15 a.m. Sunday (Children's Church and Nursery available) 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday

Campground Worship Services

Lower Pines (Yosemite Valley), Wawona, White Wolf, Tuolumne Meadows 9:00 a.m. Sunday

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729

Mass in Yosemite Valley Visitor Center West Auditorium

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Saturday 7:30 p.m. Mass in Wawona

Community Center/Old School House Saturday 4:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor Ron Skelton 209/379-2307 El Portal Chapel

Worship Service Sunday 9:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF

LATTER DAY SAINTS Yosemite Valley Sacrament Service

Sunday 1:00pm at Yosemite Chapel **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**

Don Muir, Coordinator 209/588-0614 Yosemite Valley at Lower River Amphitheater, across bridge from Housekeeping Camp (east of shuttle stop #1)

Sabbath School

Saturday 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**

Saturday 11:00 a.m.

CROSSWAY CHURCH

(Christian Protestant) Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428

Worship Service

Sunday 7:00 p.m. Curry Village Community Center (behind Bicycle Rentals)

EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Russ Marsh 209/379-2255

El Portal Chapel **Worship Service** First and third Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Summer branch drop

Second, fourth, and fifth Sunday 10:30 a.m.

is an uncommon occurrence, but the weather reports and forecasts indicate prime conditions. Sudden branch drop occurs when long horizontal oak limbs without outwardly visible defects suddenly break and fall. While it is rare enough, it seems to coincide with hot, calm days following rainfall. On sultry summer days, avoid parking or resting directly under long, horizontal oak limbs, and don't leave infants or anyone with impaired mobility in the drop zone. If you have to move more often to stay in the shade of a tall pine, enjoy the exercise!